ST status to Goud castes of Bihar

† *374. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goud caste of Bihar has been declared as Scheduled Tribe *vide* Government's notification No. S.R.O. 2477 dated 28th October, 1956 and all the benefits had been provided to it;

(b) whether this tribe is not getting such benefits at present in the State;

(c) whether Gouda in English, Gond, Gonad, God are synonyms for the same tribe; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government to restore the benefits to this tribe in the State?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The Goud Community has not been notified as Scheduled Tribe (ST) in respect of Bihar State *vide* Government's notification No.S.R.0.2477A dated 29.10.1958. The members of Goud community am, therefore, not entitled for getting the benefits meant for Scheduled Tribes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

AIR centres

*375. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the radio centres opened in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the number of AIR centres proposed to be opened during 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The details are given in the Statement. *(See* below).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Ten radio stations, one each at Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and five at Jammu and Kashmir are technically ready. In addition, one more radio station at Rairangpur (Orissa) is expected to be technically ready during 2005-06. Besides, -twenty-five 100W relay FM transmitters are expected to be commissioned during 2005-06.

Statement

Station Commissioned during last three years

2002-03		
J&K	1.	Bhadarwah-6 kW FM Transmitter
	2.	Khalsi — 1kW MW Transmitter
	3.	Naushera- 20 kW MW Transmitter
	4.	Rajouri-10 kW FM Transmitter
West Bengal	5.	Shantiniketan- 3 kW FM Transmitter (*Interim set-up)*
2003-04		
Karnataka	6.	Bellary- 1 kW FM Transmitter
2004-05		
J&K	7.	Kupwara- 20 kW MW Transmitter
2005-06 (till date)		
Chhattisgarh	8.	Saraipalli- 1 kW FM Transmitter
Madhya Pradesh	9.	Mandla- 1 kW FM Transmitter
	10.	Rajgarh- 3 kW FM Transmitter
Gujarat	11.	Himmatnagar- 1 kW MW Transmitter

FAR norms along metro corridors

*376. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Owarka-Barakhamba MRTS route is likely to be completed and started: